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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Hiroki HACHIYAMA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8913  
Application No.: 09/963,551 : Group Art Unit: 2625  
Filed: September 27, 2001 : Examiner: James Thompson  
For: IMAGE PROCESSOR

## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 21, 2006, and the petition for a one-month extension of time up to and including January 21, 2007 (Sunday) being filed concurrently herewith, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.